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SUBJECT: ARAB BOYCOTT: REPORT ON PRESENTATION
OF FORD INVESTMENT PROPOSAL

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1. J. WAYNE FREDERICKS CALLED ON CHARGE OCT 22 TO REPORT ON FORD MEETINGS WITH OFFICIALS OF NASR AUTOMOBILE COMPANY (NASCO) AND MINISTERS OF INDUSTRY, WAR PRODUCTION AND ECONOMY AND ECONOMIC COOPERATION. DURING ONE OF THEIR CALLS, FORD RESPS SAW ARABIV LETTER FROM UNDERSECREATRY IN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS WHICH HE WAS TOLD AUTHORIZED NASCO AND GOE OFFICIALS TO CONDUCT TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS WITH FORD ON THEIR PROPOSAL FOR LARGE DIESEL ENGINE MANUFACTURING FACILITY. FOREIGN MINISTRY LETTER ALLEGEDLY INDICATED THAT BOYCOTT QUESTIONS WERE BEING HANDLED IN SEPARATE CHANNEL.

2. ACCORDING TO FREDERICKS, DISCUSSIONS WITH GOE OFFICIALS INCLUDING ONLY TECHNICAL MATTERS. IN ACCORDANCE WITH FOREIGN MINISTER'S WISHES (SEE REFTTEL C), TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS WILL GO ON OVER AN EXTENDED PERIOD (ANOTHER DELEGATION WILL ARRIVE IN EGYPT ON DEC 5). PREDERICKS WILL PROBABLY ACCOMPANY DELEGATION IN DEC TO COVER ANY POLITICAL OVERTONES.

3. COMMENT: FORD OFFICIALS DO NOT APPEAR TO BE DISCOURAGED
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BY DELAYS INVOLVED IN FAHMY'S PLANS FOR DEALING WITH

BOYCOTT RESTRICTIONS ON FORD IN EGYPT. LETTER FROM
FOREIGN MINISTRY SEEMS TO HAVE ACHIEVED MORE
COORDINATED GOE APPROACH TO FORD'D BOYCOTT PROBLEMS AND LIKELIHOOD
OF UNWANTED LEAKS TO PRESS APPEARS TO HAVE
BEEN REDUCED.
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